

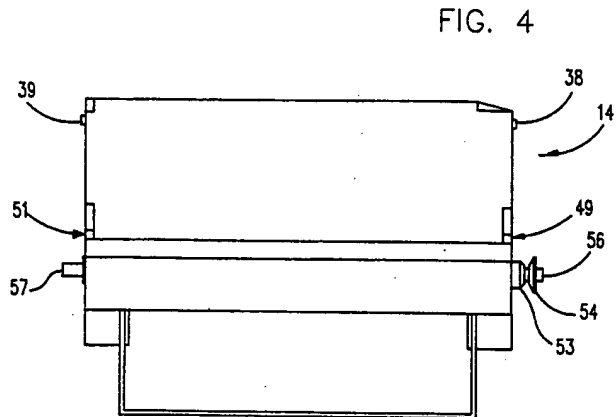
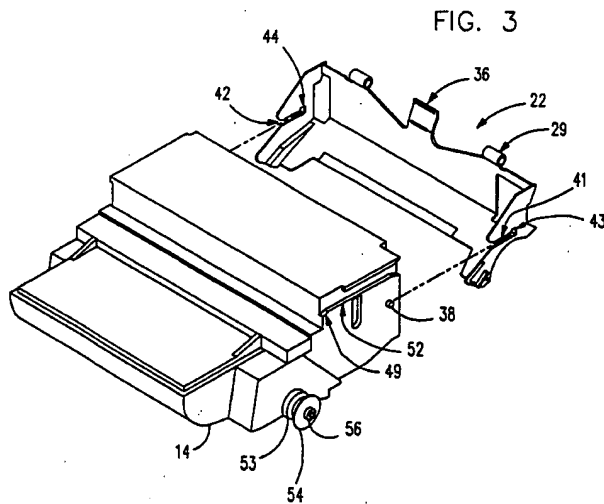
REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action dated 25 July 2005 in which the Examiner rejected claims 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by *Craft et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,136,333) and allowed claims 1-15 and 22-27. Applicants wish to express gratitude to the Examiner for the consideration and allowance of claims 1-15 and 22-27. In this Response, Applicants offer remarks traversing the rejection of claims 16-21. Applicants offer no amendments for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected pending claims 16-21 (including independent claims 16 and 19) under §102(b) as being anticipated by *Craft et al.* (US Pat. No. 5,136,333). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because *Craft et al.* does not disclose all the limitations recited in independent claims 16 and 19. For anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), the prior art reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention. Failing this, the anticipation rejection cannot stand.

Specifically, *Craft et al.* does not disclose a cartridge comprising a first attachment having or forming a slot. In the Office Action dated 25 July 2005, the Examiner suggests that a first attachment with a pair of spaced-apart fingers forming a slot is disclosed by items 38, 39 and the description provided at Col. 4, lines 14-20. For reference, that text and Figures 3 and 4 of the *Craft et al.* reference are reproduced below.

“In order to load a cartridge 14 into the printer, it is only necessary to insert the cartridge into the shelf 22. In doing this, detent lugs 38, 39 on each side of the cartridge 14 slide into slots 41, 42 of the load shelf 22. When the cartridge 14 is released, the weight of the cartridge rotates the detent lugs 38 upwardly and slightly forward into a locked position in enlarged areas 43, 44 in the slots 41, 42.” (US Pat. No. 5,136,333 at Col. 4, lines 12-19).



The detent lugs 38, 39 are most clearly shown at the top of Figure 4. These detent lugs 38, 39 are inserted into slots 41, 42 that are located in the body of the printer. As such, the detent lugs 38, 39 do not form a slot themselves as recited in Applicants' claims 16 and 19. Accordingly, since the *Craft et al.* reference does not teach or suggest this aspect of independent claims 16 and 19, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these independent claims. Claims 17-18 and 20-21 depend from claims 16 and 19, respectfully, and should be allowed for this reason as well.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above remarks and amendments, and allowance of all remaining pending claims. If the Examiner feels a telephone conversation is necessary for discussing the issues, he is invited to call the number indicated below. Thank you for your time and examination in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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